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Turkey trot

Because of a snowy day, the annual Westglen Turkey Trot was held indoors this year. Participants made four laps around the gymnasium and then proceeded to do laps in the hallway. No detentions were handed out for running in the hall.

SCARY DELIVERY

Suspicious envelope causes fear at Chamber office

*Chamber will
change way it
handles its mail*

by Richard Westlund

Chamber of Commerce members got a scare last week when television news reports stated that a California-based letter they received may have been contaminated.

The letter, which was received by the Chamber over two weeks ago, was immediately deemed to be suspicious by Chamber manager Kristy Johnston. After conferring with Chamber President Marc Aubee, the letter was brought to the Didsbury RCMP.

The letter, which contained Arabic writing around the outside, was sent to Chambers of Commerce throughout B.C. and Alberta.

News reports last week stated that people opening the letter were getting sick. Corporal Conal Archer, from the local RCMP detachment, said tests done on letters in British Columbia have not found contaminants. The local RCMP may still send the letter sent to the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce away to be analysed.

"It was a strange letter," said Johnston. "We receive a lot of mail at the Chamber, but not a lot from places like California."

Johnston said that after opening the package, she did not feel well herself. In the following days she said she felt

sick with a sore throat and sore and watery eyes. Johnston said she doesn't know if her symptoms are related to the letter and that she didn't see a doctor about the symptoms.

She said she is not as worried now as she initially was about being sick.

"There was a point there where I thought that I had some weird thing."

"Now I just might be scared about opening anything - this was a real awakening - coming that close to something you see on the news - and for it to happen in Didsbury. It's pretty scary."

A Chamber of Commerce employee in British Columbia, who believed contents of the letter were causing flu-like symptoms, sent out an E-mail warning other Chambers

which caused panic at a number of places.

Several health officials have told the media that the situation does not warrant panic.

Aubee said the letter has raised the issue about how mail should be handled by the Chamber in the future.

"We are asking ourselves 'what are we going to do now,'" said Aubee. "You don't expect something like this to happen here. They got a hold of a Chamber list and sent this letter out to a lot of people."

Aubee said when the letter first arrived, he didn't see it as a threat. He said he commended Johnston for pursuing the matter.

If the Chamber gets another suspicious letter they will not open it and will bring

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it directly to the RCMP detachment.

Archer said if anyone receives a suspicious package they should not open it and should call the RCMP.



Peter Versluys stands in front of the Town Council Chambers. He will take his seat on the Oct. 23 regular Council meeting.
photo by Richard Westlund

Versluys finds his way back to his seat on Town Council

Former Councillor wins by a landslide

by Richard Westlund

The Oct. 23 regular Council meeting will be a special one for Peter Versluys.

After an unsuccessful campaign for Town Councillor in the municipal election at the end of last year, Versluys has found his way back to Council Chambers through last week's by-election.

"That's when I get sworn in," said Versluys. "I am trying to arrange it so that my children and grandchildren are there to see it."

Not only did Versluys make it back to the Council table but he did so in an overwhelming fashion.

Versluys defeated candidate Tom Leibel 283 votes to 69.

"I have thought of that as a decisive margin and it has been personally gratifying. I put a lot of energy into the campaign and I had a lot of help from other people - so it feels good that it was recognized. But now the Council work starts."

While Versluys hasn't been to any meetings yet, he said that work started last week. He is reading up on information that pertains to future decisions and to an upcoming retreat held by Council.

"So far its feeling pretty good for me. I am thinking in terms of one month to get fully up to speed. I already had one meeting with Dorothy to get familiar with some of the issues of the day."

While campaigning residents also came up to him with issues they felt were important. Versluys said he will be following those concerns and comments up.

"During my campaign, I did a lot of door-knocking and met with a lot of people. The conversations I had brought a lot of issues forward," said Versluys, adding the appearance of the town and garbage pick up were two of the main issues he found Didsburians had.

When Versluys takes his Council seat he will be working with Councillors he has worked with before and those he hasn't. He said he knows all of the Councillors in some form and thinks he will fit in well.

"I want to fit in and be a part of a team approach," he said.

One of the first items of business for the new Council will be to reorganize the committees each Councillor sits on.

A by-election was called when former Councillor Don Watt resigned from Council.

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Surplus keeps Chinook's Edge division out of the red

by Carla Victor

Chinook's Edge school board approved revisions to the 2002/2003 budget - returning money left over from reserves earmarked for arbitrator teacher's salaries to classrooms and used surplus dollars to compensate for a \$2.4 million deficit.

Treasurer Susan Roy delivered the good and bad news of budget revisions to the board at their regular meeting, Oct. 9.

"Since June the arbitrator has ruled on teachers salaries. Also Alberta Infrastructure has announced their grant amounts for school divisions, which allows us to clarify our Operations and Maintenance Budget," said Roy.

The revised budget calls for \$87,962,561 of estimated revenue, and for \$90,431,169 of estimated expenditures, bringing the deficit amount to approximately 2.4 million. With the surplus dollars the budget was balanced.

Gibbons said this type of budgeting is not sustainable.

"We took the money from surplus for this year so we are okay for now, but this is not sustainable."

"We are hopeful the Commission on Learning is going to look at the whole picture of education in Alberta and address these funding issues. I would think the arbitration process has put a number of boards in this situation," said Gibbons.

The arbitration amount that Chinook's Edge budgeted for has come in \$1,154,000 less than expected.

This money made its way back to the classroom in the form of 11.5 teaching positions (\$800,000), school library resources (\$100,000), musical and band resources (\$104,000) and funds for the Family Wellness Program (\$150,000).

Teachers added to Mountain View County schools are: one teacher for Cremona, one for River Valley in Sundre, one at Olds High, .3 at Olds Elementary, one at Deer Meadow and .25 at Ross Ford in Didsbury.

Local ATA President Bob Worsfold is glad the money has made its way back to the classroom, but said he is curious as to why the board would set aside so much money, but not settle with the teachers before the arbitration process had to begin in the first place.

"All this is exactly what we were fighting for, that is why we went on strike. This is going to make classroom conditions better so teachers are happy."

But schools are still underfunded, said Worsfold.

"This is a provincial funding problem."

"We hope the Commission on Learning hears our situation and provides recommendations."

Money for the library will help, especially in the smaller schools, said Gibbons.

The Board will remind schools who receive the money that these funds are specifically meant to buy books and the shelves to hold them.

Every school with a band or music program will receive a share of the money dedicated to that part of the curriculum.

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Schools with band and music programs will receive \$5,000 to share between programs and schools only offering music will receive \$2,000.

Money destined for the Family School Wellness program will ultimately mean less services will be needed for other special needs education.

"If this money can help us get in and help families we may see less spending in special education," said Gibbons.

A related motion concerning the Family School Wellness program will see a change in delivery of the service but the core fundamentals will remain the same, with the approval of a motion approved by the board.

Previously the schools were the ones to contribute to a portion of the salary for the program in order to have increased services in their school, but the board has decided that it is their responsibility.

"What we are saying is that it really isn't a school's issue, and they need to save their money for the classrooms. If more time is needed we should be the ones paying," said Gibbons.

Trustees approve per diem raise

Trustee Remuneration - As part of the annual organizational meeting, trustees approved a raise in their per diem.

To attend meetings in the division boundaries Trustees will see an increase from \$200 to \$250 and the chair per diem will increase from \$300 to \$350. Also the monthly allowance for expenses will increase from \$200 to

\$250 for Trustees and \$300 to \$350 for the Chairperson.

Out of country field trips

The temporary freeze on out-of-country field trips has been lifted. The Board voted to re-affirm its written field trip policy.

The policy outlines that schools wishing to participate in an out-of-country field trips make a request to the board for approval. In making its decision, the board considers such factors as relevance to curriculum and insurance guidelines.

Health Wellness and Physical Activity

Chinook's Edge school Board has decided to initiate a program with their schools.

The program is called "Ever Active Benefits and Support Program", and has been supported by Health Canada and Alberta Learning.

The Board will fund the program, which costs \$50 per school (there are 38 schools in Chinook's Edge division). The program is meant to provide tools for schools to help students monitor their physical activity.

Awareness of physical activity and recognition of achievement in the area are also aspects of the program. In addition the Board plans to re-examine efforts the division is making in the area of physical activity at the next four board meetings.

Organization of Board

The Board of trustees elected Roy Brassard as board chair and Trustee Sandi Chalmers as vice chair.

Low satisfaction results blamed on strike, division size

Survey presented to board last week at regular meeting

by Richard Westlund

A labour strike and being the largest rural school division in Alberta are the reasons being given for lower-than-average satisfaction marks for Chinook's Edge.

The annual Division Satisfaction Survey results were shared with Chinook's Edge trustees at last week's regular meeting.

In all of the different categories except one, Chinook's Edge sat below the provincial average. In the other category, they were tied with the provincial average.

"Last year was a unique situation because of the labour situation," said Bruce Schollie, whose company Schollie Research and Consulting prepared the results. "The gaps were amplified because Chinook's Edge was in a strike."

Schollie also said there weren't as many parents polled in other divisions that were going through a strike than there were in Chinook's Edge.

Eighty-five per cent of Chinook's Edge parents said they were "satisfied" with the quality of education offered in the division compared to a 90 per cent average. Chinook's Edge students were 81 per cent satisfied with the quality of education compared to an 84 per cent average. Both marks fell from last year's levels.

Only 58 per cent of students were satisfied with the variety of courses they were offered (compared to a 68 per cent average). Eighty-four per cent of parents were satisfied with the variety of courses offered (compared to an 87 per cent average.)

Superintendent of Schools Jim Gibbons said it was more difficult for

Chinook's Edge to provide the same number of courses as other divisions. He said large high schools are able to offer more courses. Chinook's Edge has to run 11 different high schools. The smaller population numbers at each school make it harder to offer more courses, he said.

Parents and students gave Chinook's Edge the lowest marks in the survey when it came to extracurricular activities. Sixty-five per cent of students and 69 per cent of parents were "satisfied" with extracurricular events. The marks were the lowest given in the survey.

"The extracurricular marks show the real impact of the strike," said Schollie. "You went through a strike where most others managed to avoid it."

Chinook's Edge also had significantly lower marks when it came to "well-prepared learning" and "student satisfaction with career decision resources."

Chinook's Edge did have fairly average marks when it came to parent satisfaction with Special Education satisfaction. Access and programs were only slightly below the average and Coordination was right on average.

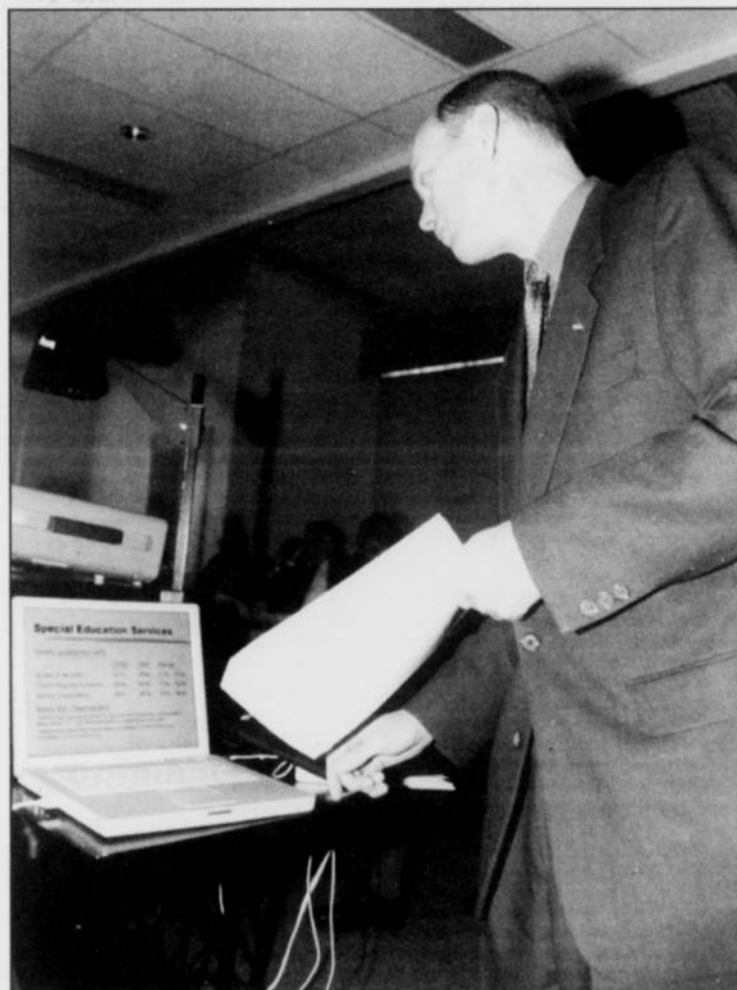
School spirit was also found to be low when students were polled.

Gibbons said that with smaller schools you don't have items like football teams and big basketball teams - something that students can rally around. He said he would like to see student population figured into future results of the study. Chinook's Edge Board Chair Roy Brassard said last year was a tough one for everyone.

"It's been a difficult year for all of us, but results are always sobering - especially when you see them in this black and white fashion."

While survey participants were asked to rate each item on a scale, the only results given were those who were "satisfied" and "very satisfied" but no distinction was made between the two.

The survey was not issued to the press and only verbally communicated.



Last year was a unique situation because of the labour situation, said Bruce Schollie, whose company Schollie Research and Consulting prepared the results of the Satisfaction Survey.

photo by Richard Westlund

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Satisfied with survey?



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

Chinook's Edge was presented with a survey at their last regular board meeting, showing that students, parents and teachers were less-satisfied than other divisions.

While the marks weren't particularly high for Chinook's Edge, the survey should receive low marks as well.

Students, parents and teachers were asked to grade their satisfaction levels for various topics such as course selection, quality of education and extra-curricular activities on a scale that included the responses unsatisfied, satisfied and very satisfied. When the results came out a percentage of those who picked satisfied or higher was calculated. No distinction was made between the two.

If the results were to be done in this manner a simple question such as "Are you satisfied with the quality of education in Chinook's Edge?" should have been used with a yes or no response.

When a participant fills out answers on a scale and marks the middle response it means the division could do much worse and it could do much better.

To lump the satisfied and very satisfied responses together and pass them off as being the same is a waste of time and money. The only comparison left is between divisions as the actual numbers don't mean anything anymore. Especially when you are comparing rural divisions to urban divisions.

A good survey would include the number of dissatisfied participants, satisfied participants and the very satisfied participants. Why would you ask the question on a scale if you are going to organize your results in a different manner?

It was interesting that the results showed students as the least satisfied, parents in the middle and teachers giving higher satisfaction marks.

Students perceive the quality of their education as being lower than what teachers do with parents somewhere in the middle.



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MLA COLUMN

Changes happening in how Bighorn Backcountry is managed

The beautiful Bighorn Backcountry, which is the 5,000 square km region of land west of Rocky Mountain House, is a favorite destination for many Albertans. Popular activities include camping, wildlife viewing, hunting and fishing. Changes are happening in how Government manages this area so before your next visit to the Bighorn Backcountry, make sure you pick up government's brochure explaining the new regulations in the area.

To give some background, government consulted for seven months through an advisory group of local public and government members on the access management plan for this area. We needed to have a complete plan in place that created a balance between the environmental impacts of recreational and limited industrial activities and between the requests of different types of users. Thousands of Albertans took the time to share with us their views and we certainly took this input

into mind when creating these regulations.

These new regulations are designed to better manage recreational use of the area so that it is sustainable for the future. The brochure includes a map and detailed descriptions of the trail uses. Under new regulations, a range of activities will be managed, such as hiking, cycling, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. Many of the recreational trails for users such as hikers remain the same. But there are restrictions that result in less access overall to OHV users and horses to protect sensitive areas.

Before you head out, you will have to identify the zone that you will be visiting and check which activities are permitted in the zone.

Each zone can vary greatly on what is or is not permitted. Anyone not following the regulations can now be charged and fined under provincial legislation.

There are also some general tips to keep in mind so

that you leave no trace of your visit. For example: Pack out all garbage - do not burn or bury it.

Stay on the designated trails. Avoid wet soft and sensitive areas. Choose resting areas that will minimize damage to ground vegetation.

Do not attract, disturb, or feed the wildlife. Use backcountry toilets where provided or bury human waste away from trails and at least 30 meters away from the watercourse.

We need your help to keep the Bighorn Backcountry beautiful! If you have concerns about the trails, call Sustainable Resource Development at 403-845-8250. Or, call the same number if you or your group want to participate in our adopt a trail program.

We will be actively monitoring trail conditions /use and will make changes where necessary. Copies of the brochure are available at the constituency office.

submitted by MLA Richard Marz's office.

Ponderings of the heart

"Only A Branch"

by Margaret Fradley

Recently as I observed the 'new growth' on our fir tree, I began to ponder that if we were to sever a branch from that tree, it would soon wither away and die. The new growth would never develop.

I pondered further, as I thought about a fruit tree; once again if a branch of that tree was lopped off, it would not live, it would bear no fruit. Moving just one step further, I thought about Jesus comparing Himself to the vine and we the branches, without Him we can do nothing. Just as the new growth on the fir trees or the fruit trees need to draw their nourishment from the vine of the tree, so we also need to draw all we have need of from Him who supplies all our need, and who alone knows what we have need of in order to bear "much fruit". For by our "fruit" we shall be known.

Only a branch! What a blessing and privilege it is to be a branch in the vine, where to the degree we are yielded, we may continually draw on all we have need of, to become what we were meant to become; to serve where we are meant to serve, and to do what we are meant to be doing, becoming more and more fruitful, producing 'much fruit' and thus bringing glory to God. There may be some apprehension about being a branch in the vine, for we are never sure what it takes to bear the best fruit, but we can trust "The One" who knows the end from the beginning, and who knows all we have need of before we even ask. Only a branch, how freeing this really is.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Volunteer firefighters more than just "boys with toys"

The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the men and women who VOLUNTEER their time in our community as fire fighters. While many of us are relaxing in front of our televisions, or sitting down to a nice meal with our families, or having a good night's rest, these men and women are ready, at a second's notice, to jump out of bed, or leave what they are do-

ing, to risk their lives, often putting themselves in harms way, to help other people. These men and women do this out of the goodness of their hearts, and they deserve our utmost respect and gratitude.

I was appalled to read a quote in last week's Didsbury Review, where an elected official, in referring to our fire department, made the comment "The boys like their toys - and we will have to shoot them down."

I fully understand that in trying to juggle the finances of the Town, not every request for funds and equipment can be granted, and that the Town Council has a difficult job trying to balance the budget, but to treat our Fire Department members with such an attitude is disgusting. This type of a comment shows a total lack of respect for men and women, who by the way are also taxpayers,

that risk their lives, for no personal gain, to help fellow man in an emergency. Referring to our fire department members as a "bunch of boys with toys" is not a reference that they deserve. These men and women are only asking for funds for equipment that will allow them to do their job even better than they already do, these are not toys, this is equipment that saves people's lives and property.

I do expect that the Town Councillor who made this comment will retract his statement, and apologize to the Fire Department.

The next time you see one of our fire fighters, let them know how grateful you are for what they do for us...don't shoot them down, you never know, they could save your life!

Dan Peters

Keep posts clean of nails and staples

Dear Editor,

What do you with - 3,758 distorted staples, 123 assorted nails, 37 ring nails, 169 rusty roofing nails, 1 sewing pin, 11 upholstery tacks, six 3 1/2" nails, 27 crippled carpet tacks, 4 corroded screws, 13 colored bulletin board pins and 183 bent thumb tacks?

Equipped with a screwdriver, hammer, pliers, ladder and an ice cream bucket, this is the collection of metal I removed from the post at the Redeemer Lutheran Church corner on 1500 23 St. I did not anticipate the steady stream of traffic on the corner. There was not a moment when trucks, cars, kids on skate boards, people walking and ladies pushing strollers were not going by. One lady inquired "What was the coloring on my hands?" I replied "Blood."

Now that the post is clean, let's keep it that way and install a proper sign board for garage sales, advertising and public posters. Because this busy corner is so popular it should be considered as a good location and alleviate the need to deface the external appearance of the post.

Alice Whitlow

Saving Face

In last week's faces article about Theatre Didsbury's new play "A Weekend Comedy" some dates were listed wrong.

The pub nights will occur Nov. 8 and 15 and the dinner theatre presentations will occur Dec. 6 and 13. Tickets are on sale for the pub nights now at Mountain View Sports and dinner theatre tickets will go on sale at a later date.

Also in last week's story "Council changes town's 100 year celebrations to 2005 the Didsbury Highschool Reunion Committee was misidentified. The Review apologizes.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT TOWN OF DIDSBURY

The Town of Didsbury invites janitorial service providers to submit a bid for Janitorial Services. There are three separate contracts to be filled. These are listed as follows:

1. Town Office/Municipal Library/TELUS Building
2. New R.C.M.P. Detachment
3. Public Works Building

Bidders may submit bids for any or all of the contracts. These contracts will be for the 2003 year with possibility of extension.

Request for proposal packages are available for pickup at the Town Office (2037-19th Avenue). Offers will be received by the undersigned up to 12 noon on Friday, November 1, 2002.

Mr. Jean Levasseur
Director of Operational Services
Town of Didsbury
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TOWN OF DIDSBURY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Regular Council: October 23, 2002
- Corporate Services: November 12, 2002
- MPC: November 6, 2002
- Community Services: October 22, 2002

NOTICE

The next Meet the Taxpayers meeting will be held November 4, 2002 from 7-8:30 pm in Council Chambers. Come out and discuss your issues with your elected officials.



This is the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Anthony Henday Water Treatment plant administration/maintenance building. From the left are Harold Reineers, general contractor for the administration building; Jim Romane, chair of the Mountain View Water Commission; Luke Ouellette, MLA for the Innisfail-Sylvan Lake Constituency and Ron Goodfellows, the architect for the administration building.

Water plant upgrades expected to improve volume, quality

Changes will meet water needs for next 25 years

by Jennifer Chornley

Let the higher quality water flow!

The Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission hosted an Open House at the Anthony Henday Water Treatment on Oct. 3.

During the open house there were two ribbon cutting ceremonies, one to officially open the new administrative building, while the other was to launch the new water treatment system.

With the upgrading of water standards and increased demand over the years, the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission planned and constructed an Ultra Filtration Plant, utilizing the Zenon technology which can filter to 0.1 microns.

This technology consists of ultra filtration with membrane pores smaller than harmful parasites, such as cryptosporidium and giardia, thus producing some of the highest quality water in Alberta.

Jim Romane, chair of the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission, says this system will meet the water needs of Innisfail, Bowden, Olds, Carstairs, Didsbury and Crossfield for the next 25 years. Innisfail-Sylvan Lake MLA, Luke Ouellette, was present at the grand opening and said that over the past decade, water and water quality have become increasingly important issues for the province.

"It was just this past spring that the government of Alberta

initiated a water strategy consultation process to gather input on how the province should develop and manage our water resources," says Ouellette. "This new treatment facility and its ability to produce some of the highest quality water in Alberta, is an extension of the growing emphasis that Albertans are placing on the value of their water."

"This plant is a testament to the co-operative spirit that the Commission and towns took towards this project. While it is often easy for local issues to upset a process, all of you were able to come together and work towards a common goal," Ouellette states.

When the commission took over the operation and distribution system of the plant in 1993, Romane says, "It needed

a lot of work."

Over the years, the demand for water increased, reaching the limits of water distribution. At this point, 13,000 cubic metres of water was reaching the town each day, now, up to 25,000 cubic metres can be distributed each day.

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H. LYNCH-STANTON, Secretary

Recreation association seeks not-for-profit status

by Richard Westlund

The Town of Didsbury will write a letter supporting the application of the Didsbury and District Community Sport and Leisure Association (DDCSLA) to become a not-for-profit organization - a group that will help them raise funds for an Outdoor Recreation Park.

Council will provide a letter to go along with an application form which shows the Town endorses the Vision Statement and Goals and Objectives of the Association and they recognize the overall benefits to Didsbury and District residents the association would provide.

Council also agreed to put the actual motion in the letter as well.

The DDCSLA was created recently during the planning stages of the new Outdoor Recreation Park. Fundraising for the project will be one of their first projects.

The group is also planning to address other issues as well, such as the absence of community activities that are commonly run by volunteer associations like Canada Day.

The purpose of DDCSLA is to bring community associations and citizens together under one umbrella to identify, organize, develop and manage programs, activities and events that meet the needs of the community. Not-for-profit organizations face fewer restrictions when fundraising for projects.



Two donations better than one

Margo Ward gives a \$1,043 donation to Marion Hemming of the MountainView Food Bank, while Nan Steward of Specialties Unlimited gives the same amount to Linda Rose of the 1st Didsbury Scouts. Ward Value Drug Mart and Specialties Unlimited raised the money at this year's charity golf tournament.



Lodge boost

Darrel Sayer of TransCanada Pipelines gives Mountain View Senior's Housing CEO Doreen Wilson a cheque for \$2,500. The money will go towards the construction of the new lodge.



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Anthony Henday undergoes first upgrades since 1993

As well, the plant does its own testing of the water. Turbidity, clarity, alkalinity, hardness and particle count are tested every four hours. Norman Neale, an operator at the plant stated that if the water turbidity and particle count is too high the system will automatically shut down.

Bill Dallas, deputy chair of the commission from Carstairs, stated that the last time the plant was worked on was in 1993 when the control centre was upgraded, and then in 1995 the filter was upgraded.

Just as the grand opening of the Anthony Henday Water Treatment was celebrated, it was noted that the plant is now under investigation through Alberta Environment for a chemical that was dumped earlier this spring.

"Alberta Environment received a complaint in the summer in regards to the smell of the water and we have been investigating (the incident) since then," says Kim Hunt, communications officer for Alberta Environment.

Dallas said that the chemical was "intentionally" dumped down a floor drain that drains into the holding pond, where the chemical now remains. He continued to say that the chemical is in the drinking water, however it is not harmful. When the holding ponds are cleaned out in the next three or four years the chemical will be removed, along with the rest of the sludge, which is used by farmers to fertilize their field, says Dallas. None of this chemical entered the Red Deer River.

Hunt continued to say the ministry is continuing to investigate the incident to see if the spill will have any adverse effects on the environment. Asked how long it would take to complete the investigation, Hunt says there is no set time, but Alberta Environment is trying to investigate the incident as quickly as possible.

If charges are laid, they will be under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and there will be a trial. If convicted, there can be fine or jail time, depending on the incident.

The water treatment plant upgrade cost \$9 million, while the administration building cost \$500,000. The administration building was developed due to the extensive renovations at the old plant, resulting in a new administration/maintenance building. The project began in September 2001.

The Mountain View Water Commission picked the



Luke Ouellette, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake MLA does the honours in cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of the Anthony Henday Water Treatment Plant on Oct. 3. From the left are Steve Kroll, from Zenon, Bruce Brunette from Devitt Forand the general contractor company, Jim Romane, chair of the Mountain View Water Commission, Ouellette, and Ian Wright, engineer from Associate Engineering.

photo by Ray Brinson

Zenon ZeeWeed system because it provided the highest quality drinking water. However, Dallas says this system would not have been feasible six years ago be-

cause the technology was new. The Commission also toured plants in Alberta and Ontario during their search for a new water treatment system.

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Lifestyles

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by Carla Victor

The statistics are shocking; our kids are putting themselves more at risk with every TV show and video game.

The average Canadian child is living a dangerously inactive life in front of a TV or computer screen, and this level of inactivity isn't going to change without an attitude adjustment from the child, his or her family, school and community.

Changes needed in this society are nothing short of life altering, said Carey Collin, Deer Meadow's Physical Education teacher.

"Just look at the number of hours your kid spends sitting in front of a TV or computer screen," said Collin. He quotes a recent study that suggests the average school-age child spends at least 26 hours in front of the TV per week, after spending approximately 30 hours per week at a desk in his or her classroom. And on average, all this time sitting is complemented by only 1.5 hours of activity, per week, in their school gym program. Collin said students in his school spend 150 minutes per week in a physical education program. Although that is above average, it isn't enough for him.

"If I could have school my way, I would like to see four hours of gym per week," he says, knowing full well that isn't likely going to happen. For now he is content fighting for the little improvements.

"We have a 15 minute mandatory reading break and I will be pushing for a 15 minute fitness break. I want to see daily fitness breaks whether it is an aerobics class, Tai bo, Tai Chi, or whatever."

Dave Couves, a Grade 3 and 4 teacher at Ross Ford Elementary in Didsbury, is responsible for his class's 90 minutes per week of physical education.

He has been teaching for 25 years and can testify to the changes in children over that time.

"We are a less active society today," he says, crediting the problem to, in part, society, more than the TV or computer.

He believes problems lie in the fact that society has changed. Where 20 years ago it was common to see kids be responsible for their own activities it is no longer the case.

"You never see a pick-up game of football or baseball anymore. When I was a child there was more freedom and



More than 320 children from Chinook's Edge competed at the Olds Elementary school's cross country run, Oct. 9. The voluntary run had children from ages 5 to 14 competing in races. Pictured are girls at the starting line in the nine-year-old girls category.

Canada's inactive lifestyle is putting kids at risk

less fear."

He remembers there was more of an expectation for kids to go out and make their own fun, without fear of something happening to them.

"Now everything is more organized and if kids are left alone (while Mom and Dad are at work or busy) they are stumped and don't know what to do other than sit in front of a screen."

He understands the fear of parents not wanting their kids to go out without an itinerary, but the result is we end up with children more dependent on adults for all their activities.

It is in that where the responsibility for an active lifestyle lies with the family.

The schools your children attend can only do so much, from there it comes down to the family. Collin suggests taking the time to go for family walks, encouraging your child to walk the dog, do chores and limiting TV will go a long way to improving his or her fitness level.

If you are a parent not doing these simple things, you could be creating a lot of dam-

age.

Physical fitness goes a long way to having a positive self-perception.

"Self-perception is a big one for sure. It is important to support a positive physical self-perception through the development of skills in a variety of activities," said Collin.

Angela Brinker teaches Grades 7 and 8 physical education at River Valley school in Sundre. Her students receive about 125 minutes of physical education per week.

Brinker says her school's physical education aims for life-long activity.

Programs are designed not just for natural athletes but to give everyone a chance to participate and succeed no matter what their level.

Parents can increase the level of activity in their child's life by simply getting involved.

"Go out with them, suggest activities and promote opportunities by participating in the activity with the child.

"Habits are formed at early ages and when the child grows they will do the activity on

their own," said Brinker. She believes parents do not have to be restricted by money.

"Money shouldn't limit things. Activity doesn't need to be just organized sports. Going tobogganing is a prime example, it doesn't have to be snowboarding at Lake Louise. If money is not a factor, send them to Lake Louise - but go with them, don't send them on the bus."

Children should be getting 30 minutes of intensive exercise with one hour of moderate exercise per day. Outdoor, unstructured recreation has many benefits.

The community you live in can make being active easier. Sundre tops the list of communities that can offer the great outdoors. Olds and Didsbury are making the effort by trying to implement a trail system. All the communities offer pools, arenas, golf courses and curling rinks.

"Olds is poorly designed for physical activity, we don't have enough sidewalk systems for our kids to walk on, our roads are terribly designed to ride on, the paved surfaces are horrible for rollerblades and scooters,"

said Collin. "That is why it is so important to support the initiative to build a pathway system in your community. Sundre has the great outdoors with Snake Hill, the river nearby, lots of hiking trails that encourage families to get out and be active."

A healthy lifestyle will improve the mind. Ian Taylor, Chinook's Edge Trustee, was in full support of a program approved by the school board at their last meeting.

The board unanimously approved putting Canada's Physical Activity Guide for Children in every school with younger grades.

The program promotes physical activity in the school and at home, at play, inside or outside, on the way to school and with family and friends.

It is hoped this guide will help children increase time currently spent on physical activity by starting with 30 minutes more activity per day. Taylor says it is only the beginning.

He suggested the division survey its schools to see how much time each of them are spending on physical education.

"I like this program because it is particularly important to raise the fitness level of younger children. Studies have shown that if you don't challenge yourself at a younger age it won't happen as adults. It is in the early stages, while you are still growing, that you can make those big changes in your heart and lung capacities," said Taylor. He also relates the level of fitness to the level of learning ability.

"In the 1950s, France conducted a study called the Vanves Experiment. The day was broken into thirds for elementary schools. One for academic, one for fine arts and the other for physical activity. They found that despite the amount of academic study was reduced the students did better in the long run in all activities.

The theory was that because they were fitter and healthier they learned quicker and were able to concentrate longer. I'm not sure that wouldn't be such a bad idea to do that now," he said.

Until the day people realize a healthy body relates to a healthy mind, Collin says families must take ownership for their own fitness.

"For a lot of kids, running is something you don't do unless you are being chased by a dog. Whether kids are good at sports or not they have to do it because it is good for them."

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According to Cliff Wallis of the Alberta Wilderness Association, these techniques are "an effective way of reducing impacts."

Petro-Canada recently received glowing reviews from Alberta Environment for its "under-canopy" survey work near Fort McMurray.

The only mark that the Petro-Canada crew left in the bush was a crooked walking trail and some auger holes. This approach leaves little trace of the survey, saves trees and commercial lumber, and preserves natural forest cover for animals.

In situations where it's possible to use low impact seismic exploration, industry has been very successful in reducing environmental effects.

Synergy works for all

A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE A STAKE IN OIL AND GAS development in Alberta. That's why more than 40 "synergy" groups across the province are working together to resolve local issues in productive ways. At the heart of a synergy group is the notion that the result of combined effort is greater than what any one person could have achieved on their own.

Each community shapes their group to reflect their particular needs and issues. Group members include landowners, concerned citizens, industry representatives and regulators.

These groups can now be found throughout Alberta including Zama, Wainwright, Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, Rocky Mountain House, Sundre, Waterton and Vulcan.



Brooke Baillie, Kathryn, Alberta

In 2001, stakeholders including synergy group members, the Alberta Energy & Utilities Board and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers collaborated to organize *Making Synergy Real* – a unique conference focused on working together effectively.

In February 2002, 250 participants from across Alberta gathered in Red Deer to share their experiences. They found themselves celebrating successes from all over the province and learning valuable lessons from their neighbours.

Brooke Baillie, who raises cattle near Kathryn is one of those people. She belongs to Residents for Responsible Energy Development. "We've been successful in educating and providing moral support to local people when they have to deal with a new or expanding development. We simply want the petroleum industry to act responsibly when they're working on our land."

CAPP and its member companies support synergy groups because they bring together all sides and focus on finding solutions that lead to responsible development.

Sour gas safety update

SOUR GAS AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS SOMETHING Albertans take very seriously. In response to public concerns about sour gas development, an independent committee formed by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) made 87 recommendations to improve the understanding, handling and regulation of sour gas. The EUB, with help from its many stakeholders, including industry, have made real progress on more than half of the recommendations, and 14 are already complete.

The recommendations reflect the thinking and concerns of residents in every part of the province.

In Pincher Creek, committee members heard the EUB must apply its regulations consistently. Grande Prairie and Leduc residents stressed that sour gas pipelines must be safe. First Nations and Métis communities everywhere called for better emergency response planning and consultation that respects their cultural uniqueness and traditional lands.

Paul Jackson, who lives near Calgary, served on the committee from the beginning. He and his young family lived close to a proposed sour gas well and he had concerns for their future health and safety.

"At first I was skeptical that such a large, diverse committee could function effectively, and initially the process was not smooth. However, once the participants settled down, their differences fell away. It was amazing how well they worked toward constructive solutions."

Jackson says, "Everyone realized this was a golden opportunity to create positive change that would be to everyone's benefit. And that's what pretty much happened. The implementation of our recommendations strengthened the regulations in the interests of public health and safety while meeting the need for industrial growth."

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JACKSON WI NEWS

Group hears about Habitat for Humanity program

by Noreen Olson

Lita Reid chose, Down By The Old Mill Stream, as opening song for her September meeting and for food for thought she read an article on Tax Cuts and how they affect different levels of income. Members, guests from Zella and speaker Winnie Robertson answered roll call which was, "an annual that did well for me." Poppies, Lavatera, Calendula, Nasturtiums, Snaps and Malva are tried and true. We are encouraged to try Dahlberg Daisy, Zinnias, Verbena, and Cilantro and several people said it was a bad year for Marigolds.

Jackson has sponsored an essay contest for Grade 6 students at Cremona. Thirty-eight essays were entered, the subject was My Canada and one of our judges, Marie Scott read the three top essays so that we might choose first, second and third. Winners will receive cash prizes from Jackson and all the essays are being forwarded to a school in Newfoundland to develop a pen pal exchange. The entries were excellent and it was difficult to decide winners. First place went to Jared Foat, second to Chad Bellamy and third to Garrett Shehan.

The Presidents letter asks that we support a building to store garden produce for one of our ACWW projects in Kenya and told us that the next Assoc. Country Woman of the World Conference will be in Hobart Tasmania. Nellie Davies brought us 10 more pairs of knitted slippers for the Children's Hospital and Lita read a letter from the hospital thanking Nellie for the many, many slippers donated by her. The Hospital suggests that larger slippers, for teenagers are needed as well. This was an opportune time to present Nellie with a Certificate of Achievement won for the beautiful knitting she entered at the Provincial Convention.

M.J. Davies and Ev Robertson will form a nominating committee and report at the November meeting. Jackson has offered to host a Nobody's Perfect series and the Congregational Church in Cremona will provide the venue. Classes would run from 9:30 to 11:30 on 6 succeeding Wednesdays. Parents of children from 0 to 6 years are invited and Ev Robertson is facilitator. Participants share experiences, problem solve, learn what's available and help each other. Tentative start is October 24. Watch for information in posters, handouts and newspapers or call Ev to register. This

course can be a lifesaver for parents and children.

Zella WI have an award winning quilt that they wish to donate to Jackson so that we might raffle it at Constituency Conference and use the funds for WI projects. We are very grateful for this gift. Mar-

guerite Krebs had the bit of fun and read a wonderful poem about, "when I'm an old lady and live with my kids." Her children should be prepared for trouble.

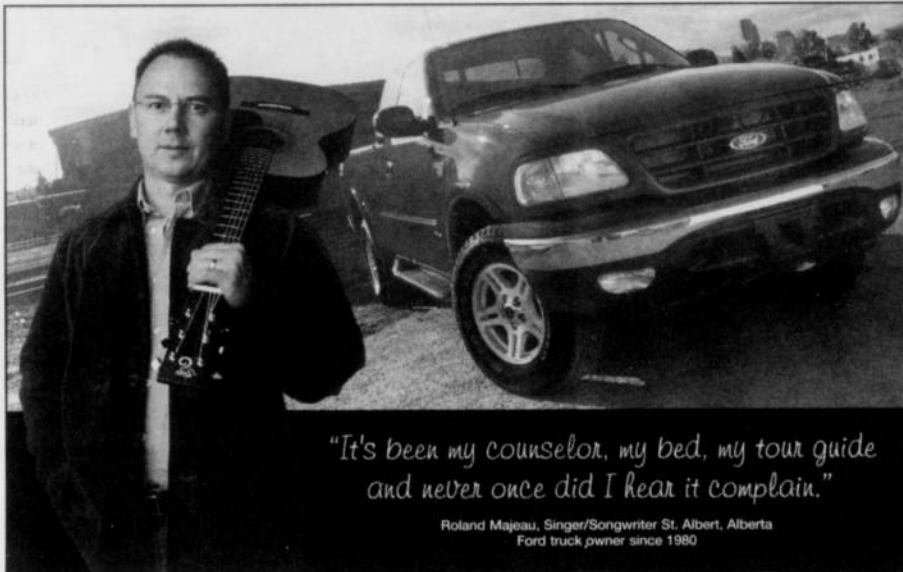
Guest Speaker was Winnie Robertson, her subject Habitat for Hu-

manity. People in a Community bonding together skills, talent and resources to build a home for someone who has no means to do so on their own. Their mandate is not a hand out but a hand up. Recipients of the homes will have a mortgage and

make interest free payments. Habitat began in the US, came to Canada in 1982 and is now World Wide. Last year in Canada 250 homes were built. The steering committee for this Habitat project is in Olds and is called the Mountain View Affiliate. Their long

range plan is for 5 homes in the County and they need volunteers to fill spaces on the various committees.

Next meeting is at The Fireside Place in Carstairs at 12:00 noon on October 23. For more details call 337-2037 or 337-2042.



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by Marge St. Clair

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Fri. Oct. 18

Family Fun night is being held at the MP Room in the Didsbury Complex. There will be games for all ages, activities, food and then skating. There is a family charge, more info by phoning 335-7369.

Sat. Oct. 19

There will be a free curling clinic from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Didsbury Curling Rink. If you haven't curled before, this is the time for you to come and learn the basics from qualified instructors; or just to have a refresher. If you didn't get to registration night, this would also be a good time to do that, you don't need a whole team to register for league play.

Sat. Oct. 19

Cribbage will be played to-night at the Elks Hall, with play starting at 7:30 p.m. Phone Jim or Sharon at 335-3481 to register or for more details.

Sat. Oct. 19

The Mountain View Colts Jr. B Hockey Team will play at home at the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 p.m. against Medicine Hat.

Fri. Oct. 25

The Didsbury Ag Society is holding their Appreciation Night in the MP Room at the Didsbury Complex at 7:00 p.m. Please reply to you tickets by

Oct. 15 by phoning 335-4494 and leave a message.

Fri. Oct. 25 & Sat. Oct. 26

The Mountain View Colts have 2 at home games, Fri. against Rimbey and Sat. against Three Hills, both games starting at 8:00 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 25, 26, & 27

The "Green Spiel" will be held at the Didsbury Curling Rink starting at 7:00 p.m. Fri. night. This is an open spiel, 3 & 1 or 2 & 2 and is always lots of fun. Get your teams together or get your name in so that teams can be made up and phone Brad & Cindy at 335-8277 evenings or the Curling Rink 335-3661.

Sat. Oct. 27

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held in the Church Hall with sittings at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Tickets at the door, more info from Dolores Walls 335-8769, Jessie Nelson 335-9830 or Jean Freeman 335-3728.

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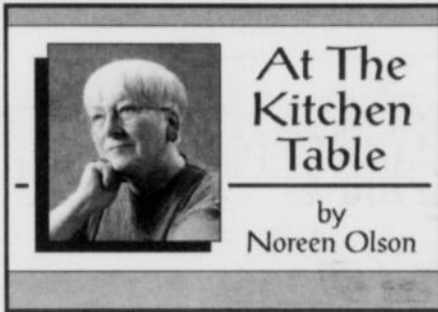
Cross Country Running Team and Club

Coaches Miss J. Anderson and Mr. M. Leggette

The Cross Country Running Season is winding down with only Provincials (19th October) left to be completed. Over the last 3 weeks various runners have participated in three separate meets:

On Saturday, September 28 three runners went to an invitational run in Wetaskiwin. Christina van Besouw (14th), Gallagher Chalmers (18th) and Philip Harris (10th) all did quite well against a provincially ranked field.

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At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

There were poppies on the farm when we came here, Iceland poppies in yellow, white and orange, perennial Orientals in brilliant red. The Icelanders are still with us and despite my best efforts to introduce the new pinks and corals they are still yellow, white and orange. The big red Orientals bloomed for a couple of days and then spent the rest of the season looking like dying thistles so I dug them out. I think now I should have moved them to a less arid location but gardening, like so many things, is smarter in hindsight.

Early in my career I bought a package of poppies in the edible seed variety, not because I used much poppy seed but because the package illustration showed such great colors. They were very successful and produced huge fuzzy heads in red, maroon, pink and burgundy. The kids thought they were funny and named the burgundy one after a friend who had a tight perm and a very dark auburn dye job. I saved the seeds from the big fuzzies and a friend gave me seeds for dark red, peony flowered, annual Orientals. These were very hardy and bloomed early with enormous heads of petals that looked like watered silk. All this time I was also planting California poppies in gold and yellow with gray green foliage, Shirley Poppies in singles and doubles and Ladybirds with a big black blotch at the base of each big red petal. My daughter brought a package of blues from Victoria, (actually they are more mauve) I got 8 plants the first year and now have hundreds of them. They are early, hardy and quite lovely.

After a couple of years the garden was so full of volunteer poppies that we were hard pressed to find the carrots and lettuce so I started picking the seed heads off the poppies before they had a chance to spread their progeny on the wind. On one memorable occasion I was removing a wheelbarrow full of seed heads when I hit the wheelbarrow with the garden gate and dumped the whole thing into a flowerbed. The next spring that flowerbed looked like a very dense green carpet as sixteen million poppy seeds all sprouted at once.

Years ago I was visiting my Mom at her house in Ponoka when I noticed that her neighbor had some perfectly gorgeous silvery pink poppies that were as big and lush as my red Orientals. That fall when the pink poppies were ripe Mom's friend gave her a couple of heads and I added silver pink to my collection. I think these were the most perfect poppies I have ever seen but they did not mature as quickly as the reds and in a couple of poor years I lost all of them. Mom's neighbor didn't have them anymore either, and so began the quest for the Big Pink Poppy.

If you are just looking for Pink Poppies they are not that hard to find, but if you want a very specific one that grows ever more gorgeous in retrospect then the task becomes almost impossible. You wouldn't believe the varieties in pink poppy culture. They come with subtle tones of mauve, orange, peach and yellow. They come in short and stocky and tall and lanky, some of their heads droop and some are upright. The bloom itself can be large or small and the individual petals smooth or crumpled, round or pointy. The one I want is a clear, pale pink with just a hint of silvery gray. It's tall and sturdy with a large double bloom and the petals are rounded and silky.

When I see a poppy that looks like it might come close, I ask for a seed head and so far no one has ever refused me but so far I have not been totally happy either. If there is no one to ask I have resorted to petty theft. The one I nicked at the Lily Farm was too peachy but the one I took from the Devonian gardens is close.

Last May I planted about 100 feet of poppies and with the idea of saving seeds I made a chart as I went. I was getting low on Big Reds, I need more Blues and I had three pinks that were promising. All of them bloomed and at least 2 pinks looked very hopeful. I labeled my seed bags and waited for a few nice days so that I could do my gathering. The bags are still on the washer and the poppies are, for about the fifth time, under 4 inches of snow. I think I'll move to Venezuela.

RUNNING

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On Tuesday, October 1, Didsbury High School had 7 runners participate in counties in Sundre Liesbeth van Besouw (9th), Matt Davis-Hall (3rd), Daniel Forestell (19th), Philip Harris (4th), Justin Cote (2nd), Gallagher Chalmers (3rd), and Elizabeth Blakely (1st) all did very well in their categories.

On Tuesday, October 8, eleven runners participated at Zones in Sundre. Mike Poffenroth (9th), Matt Davis-

Hall (18th), Andrew Elliot (29th) Daniel Forestell (50th) and Gavin Chalmers (58th) all ran in the 3000m Juvenile Boys race. Leisbeth van Besouw (37th) ran in the 2000 m Juvenile Girls race. Our Senior High runners, Philip Harris (21st), Sam Baker (20), Gallagher Chalmers (18th), Christina van Besouw

(23rd) and Elizabeth Blakely (11th), all ran in various races with distances from 3000 m to 6000m. Elizabeth Blakely qualified for Provincials this year.

All of the runners trained hard this year and did very well in their respective races. Good Luck to Elizabeth at Provincials on the 19th.

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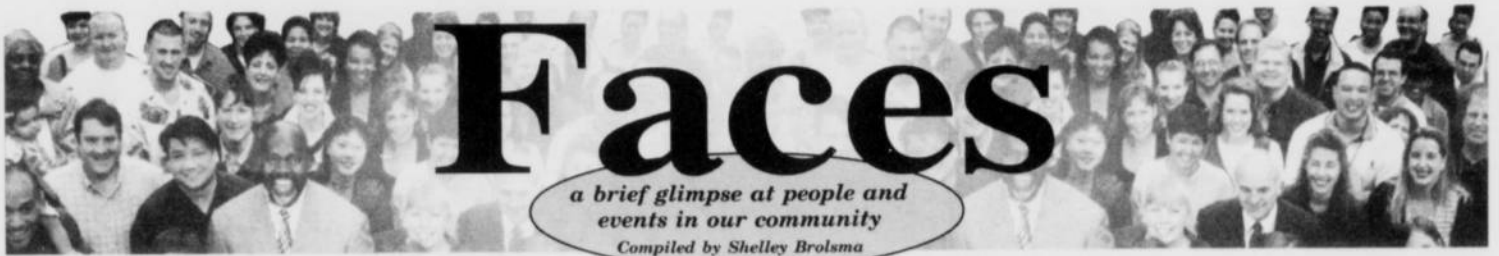
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Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community

Compiled by Shelley Brolsma

Block Parent Week initiated to build community awareness



Jennifer Lanthier

As a parent, you likely remembered to street-proof your children...but did you remember to tell them about Block Parents?

Like many people in Didsbury, you may not have been aware an active Block Parent program exists right here in your hometown. That's what Block Parent Representative Jennifer Lanthier would like to see change. "Right now we currently have about 20 Block Parents in the community. Our goal is to have one or more on every block."

To help promote the program further, Lanthier is helping organize a special Block

Parent Awareness Week October 21 - 27.

"We will be having a colouring contest during this week along with other promotions," says Lanthier suggesting that interested residents keep an eye open in the community for details unfolding throughout the week.

A Block Parent, by definition, is any responsible adult who cares for the well-being of children and having a safer community. "A Block Parent may be called upon if a child is in a frightening or dangerous situation. Some examples are being bullied, lost, hurt, ill, frightened by a stranger, being

locked out of your house or being caught in severe weather." But there's more. The Block Parent program can also assist parents, schools and community groups to teach children basic street proofing safety rules and how and when to use a Block Parent Home.

Block Parents are identified to those in need by a red and white sign displayed in the front window of each participating household.

Although Block Parents are most often called upon to assist children, anyone in distress can use a Block Parent home...a child, a teen, a woman, or a senior citizen. "A

Block Parent can assist by calling the appropriate persons or services, such as RCMP, as necessary," explains Lanthier. "...but they are not expected to open the door or allow anyone to enter their home if they feel uneasy. They are also not expected to provide drink, food, bathroom, transportation or first aid."

Anyone wishing to become a Block Parent can go directly to the RCMP or contact Jennifer Lanthier at 335-3078. "To be a Block Parent you need to pass a Criminal Record Check and be over the age of 18. Other than that and having an interest in the program, that's it."

Mother's Unite Garage sale will be huge

Itching to find more storage space at home?

If so, the Mother's Unite Garage Sale is exactly what you need to clear out all those boxes of outgrown clothing, used toys and even furniture items.

The Sale is set to take place in Didsbury's Memorial Complex Multipurpose Room on

Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00 am - 12 noon (no earlybirds please).

Inside there will await enough items to fill most megastores, except these will be at garage sale prices.

"It's a great opportunity to pass on items that your children have no use for and clear out some space at home," says

Honeyman who admits stealing the idea for the sale from a previous position she held in Nanimo, B.C.

"It's not just for mothers, anyone can come - grandmothers, aunts, friends. There's really something for everyone at a sale like this."

While there is still time to catch all the deals happening

at the event, Honeyman urges anyone interested in selling items to book their tables immediately.

"So far we have about 15 tables that are spoken for...but we're thinking it's going to fill up pretty fast."

Tables are just \$10.00 each and must be booked and paid for in advance.



Michelle Honeyman

Armpit offers high school students a weighty option



Jolene Kirk

Life after school for teens in Didsbury just got better. Beginning this week, a new portable weight training and fitness facility dubbed "The Armpit" will open their doors to all who long for the easily accessible and (free) workouts.

The Armpit is the latest project being offered by the Didsbury Child and Youth Club and is situated in a portable trailer adjacent the High

School.

Armpit Director, Jolene Kirk, says the refurbished facility comes equipped with new treadmill, exercise bikes, and free weights.

"We plan to open three nights a week to start out with - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm."

Teens are encouraged to check out the Armpit this Thursday (October 17th) for

the official opening of the facility between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

"It will be a great night to check the place out and see what's available," says Kirk. "We're also going to be giving away some great door prizes."

While the task of promoting and operating the Armpit will primarily fall under Kirk's new volunteer job portfolio, she maintains that the

real mastermind behind the facility is really fellow Child and Youth Club Volunteer, Karen Gauthier.

"She has done so much to get this place up and running...from painting to laying carpet."

"The credit for this really belongs to her."

Anyone wishing more information about the Armpit can contact Jolene Kirk at 335-9632.

Scouts promote recycling of bottles and books in Didsbury

The 1st Didsbury Scouting Group is hard at it again. Since delivering the new Didsbury and area phonebooks on October 5th, they've been busily planning another campaign - this one to collect the old phonebooks for recycling purposes on October 26th.

The door-to-door collection crusade will take place in conjunction with their annual Bottle Drive.

Both activities commence at 9:00 am and is expected to be an all-day project.

Among the troops of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers

and Rovers will be Beaver Joel Newsome. Joel's Mother Judy volunteers with the promotional activities of the Scouting Group this year. She says having the Scouts deliver and collect phonebooks for Telus is just one activity the group performs during the year.

"Part of what scouting believes in is community service and finding ways to better the community," Newsome says. "...but it's also a fundraiser for us too. Money raised through this activity will go towards camps and various other activities we hold throughout the

year, so be sure and save those bottles. We appreciate all the support we can receive."

Anyone interested in joining the 1st Didsbury Scouting Group can call 335-4846 or simply attend the next meeting at the Train Station each Monday night starting at 7:00 pm.



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Focus on
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QUESTION: I'm a full-time mother with three children in the preschool years. I love them like crazy, but I am exhausted from just trying to keep up with them. I also feel emotionally isolated by being here in the house every day of the week. What do you suggest for mothers like me?

DR. DOBSON: I talk to many women like you who feel that they're on the edge of burnout. If they have to do one more load of laundry or tie one more shoe, they feel like they will explode.

In today's mobile, highly energized society, young mothers are much more isolated than in years past. Many of them hardly know the women next door, and their sisters and mothers may live a thousand miles away. That's why it is so important for those with small children to stay in touch with the outside world.

Though it may seem safer and less taxing to remain cloistered within the four walls of a home, it is a mistake to do so.

Loneliness does bad things to the mind. Furthermore, there are many ways to network with other women today, including church activities, Bible study groups, and supportive programs such as "Moms in Touch" and "Mothers of Preschoolers." Husbands of stay-at-home mothers need to recognize the importance of their support, too.

It is a wise man who plans a romantic date at least once a week and offers to take care of the children so mom can get a much-needed break. Burnout isn't inevitable in a busy household.

It can be avoided in families that recognize its symptoms and take steps to head it off.

QUESTION: Explain in greater detail the role of power in the life of a teenager.

DR. DOBSON: Let's begin with a definition. Power is the ability to control others, to control our circumstances and, especially, to control ourselves. The lust for it lies deep within the human spirit.

We all want to be the boss, and that impulse begins very early in life.

Studies show that 1-day-old infants actually "reach" for control of the adults around them. Even at that tender age, they behave in ways designed to get their guardians to meet their needs.

The desire for power is evident when a toddler runs from his mother in a supermarket, or when a 10-year-old refuses to do her homework, or when a husband and wife fight over money.

We see it when an elderly woman refuses to move to a nursing home.

The common thread between these and a thousand other examples is the passion to run our own lives — and everything else if given the chance. People vary in the intensity of this urge, but it seems to motivate all of us to one degree or another.

Now, what about your sons and daughters? Have you wondered why they come home from school in such a terrible mood? Have you asked them why they are so jumpy and irritable through the evening? Perhaps they are unable to describe their feelings to you, but they may have engaged in a form of combat all day. Even if they haven't had to fight with their fists, it is likely that they are embroiled in a highly competitive, openly hostile environment where emotional danger lurks on every side. Am I overstating the case?

Yes, for the kid who is coping well. But for the powerless young man and woman, I haven't begun to tell their stories.

That's why they are nervous wrecks on the first day of school, or before the team plays its initial game, or any other time when their power base is on the line. The raw nerve, you see, is not really dominance, but self-worth. One's sense of value is dependent on peer acceptance at that age, and that is why the group holds such enormous influence over the individual. If he or she is mocked, disrespected, ridiculed and excluded — in other words, if that individual is stripped of power — he or she feels it deeply.

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Coach: Ms. L. Gagnon

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JV Boys Volleyball:

Coach: Mr. Poffenroth

The 2002 JV Boys Volleyball team includes: John Arbuckle, Jonathan Renggli, Justin Cote, Alan Ta, Kenny Deboise, Derek Durocher, Corey McEwan, Brad Edwards, Andrew Elliott, Mitch McKetia, Mike Poffenroth, Josh Robertson

SR Girls Volleyball:

Coach: Mrs. R. Winters

Congratulations to everyone in the Linden tournament for bringing home 3rd place. Come and support the team on Wednesday evenings.

This year's squad includes: Elizabeth Blakely, Kim Aarts, Kendra Brandsgard, Jessica Lefebvre, Stacey Jensen, Eladie Albert, Laura Redmond, Sarah Kemmere, Michelle Wittal, Laura Simpson

SR Boys Volleyball:

Coach: Mr. S. Thompson and Mr. K Drever

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The Alexander Rutherford Scholarship awards were presented to Greg Overguard and Robert McWhinney for last year's results.

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Carstairs hockey player lighting up the AJHL

Mark Bomersback is the Eagles all-time leading scorer

by Barry Williams

Carstairs minor hockey product, Mark Bomersback, has taken over the Alberta Junior Hockey League scoring.

Bomersback, the captain of the Canmore Eagles, notched ten points in last week's action on 4 goals and six assists. He raised his league leading totals to 24 points on 11 goals and 13 assists in thirteen games this season.

He has now taken over the Eagles all-time scoring with 304 points in 199 career games with Canmore. His totals have moved him into 13th place in the AJHL all-time career scoring list.

He is in fifth place in AJHL scoring with 200 assists and 14th spot in goals with 104.

After graduating from the Carstairs Bantam AA Bruins, Bomersback played one season with the Midget AAA Bisons based in Strathmore. He has played four seasons with the Eagles and has been named a league all-star twice.

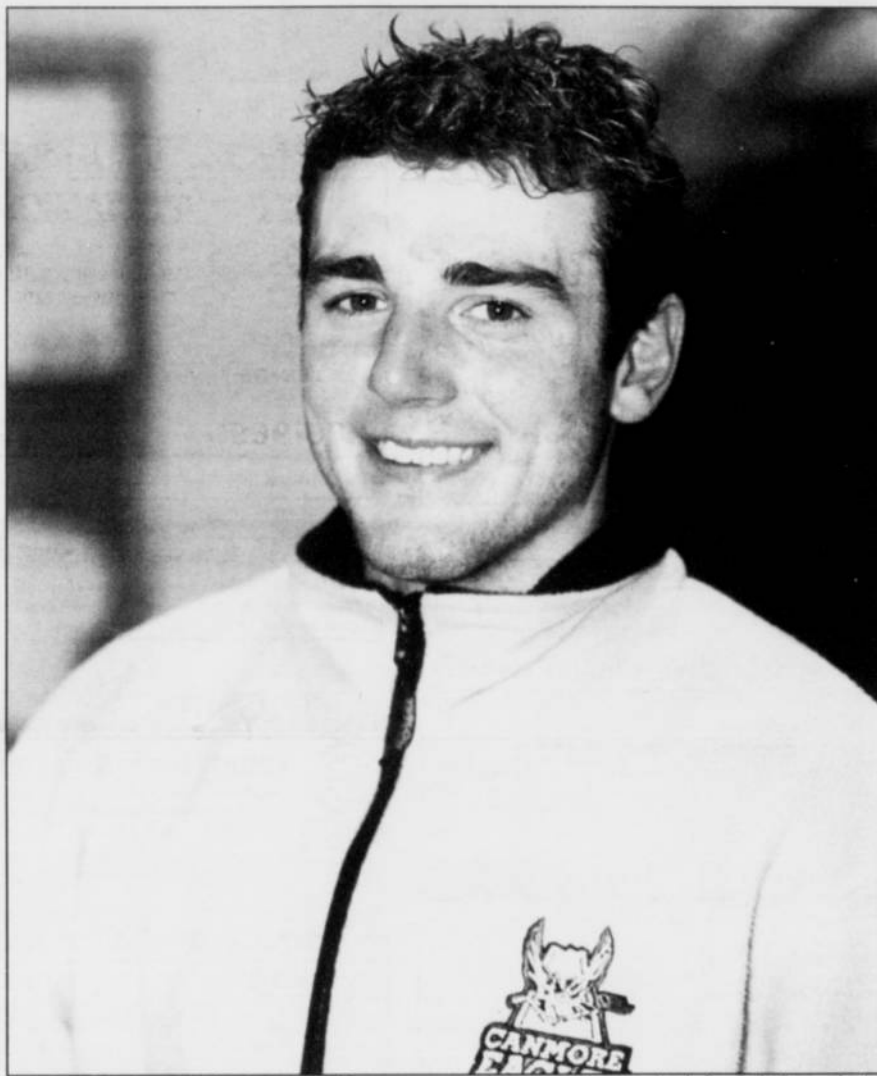
His dominance on the ice has been noticed by several NCAA scouts as he was pursued by several American universities before settling on a full hockey scholarship from Ferris State University based in Big Rapids, Michigan. The Ferris State Bulldogs play in the CCHA and presently have two other AJHL graduates on their roster, goaltender Mike Brown and defenceman Skip Renaud.

Upon accepting the scholarship Bomersback said, "I really liked the campus and coaching staff at Ferris University when I went there for my official visit."

"They are the only school that showed genuine interest in me from the start," he said.

"I am excited about playing there next year," he added.

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Mark Bomersback is the AJHL's leading scorer.

photo by Pam Doyle, Canmore Leader

Didsbury's Glen O'Neill breaks elusive \$100,000 barrier

by Barry Williams

Didsbury saddle bronc rider, Glen O'Neill, has broken the elusive \$100,000 barrier for the second time in competition on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association circuit.

O'Neill has pocketed over \$109,000 in earnings and is in second place in the Jack Daniel's/PRCA World standings. A veteran of seven seasons on the professional rodeo circuit, O'Neill has nodded his head at the National Finals Rodeo six consecutive times and is headed for a seventh ride this year as he has qualified for the NFR being held in Las Vegas, Nevada from December 7-16, 2002. In every appearance at the NFR, O'Neill has placed within the top five and last year finished second in the World Standings.

A landed immigrant from Australia, O'Neill was named

the PRCA rookie-of-the year in 1995, the same year he won the \$50,000 purse at the Calgary Stampede. In 2000 he claimed the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association championship at the Canadian Finals Rodeo held in Edmonton.

With over \$34,000 in earnings on the CPRA circuit this season, O'Neill will be riding in his fourth consecutive appearance at the CFR in November (6-11) at Edmonton's Skyreach Centre.

Before heading to the CFR and the NFR, O'Neill will make one more ride in a championship rodeo as he has qualified for the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co. Cup Finale in Dallas, Texas from Oct. 24-27.

The US Smokeless Tobacco Cup Finale is the championship rodeo for the Wrangler Pro Rodeo Tour and it has attracted fourteen Reigning or World champions to the competitive fi-

nale this year.

The top twelve point leaders in all five disciplines, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping and steer wrestling qualify for the tour finale.

Besides O'Neill several area cowboys have qualified for the Canadian Finals Rodeo this year. The contingent is being led by the defending Canadian bareback champion, Bill Boyd, of Olds, and Wimborne calf roper Guy Smith. Boyd was the seasonal leader in bareback with earnings of \$31,141 while, Smith paced the calf ropers with earnings of \$24,709.

Madden calf roper, Cliff Williamson, will establish a CFR consecutive appearance record this year as he will be roping at his 23rd CFR. Williamson, who has won over \$500,000 on Canadian soil, finished the season with \$17,108

in earnings. The three-time Canadian champion and \$50,000 Calgary Stampede winner will be joined by Carstairs' Joe Lucas, a four-time Canadian calf roping champion and 1987 \$50,000 Stampede winner.

Big Valley calf roper, Dale Skocdopole, won \$17,527 and qualified for his second CFR.

In the bull riding event, Kelly Armstrong, of Big Valley, will be returning to the CFR

again with earnings of \$19,834. Also, Cochrane bull rider Steven Turner will be making his first CFR ride as he pocketed \$18,344 in earnings.

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TOWN OF BROOKS Works & Utilities - Employment opportunity Utility Operator. The Town of Brooks requires a full-time Utility Operator. This position is to operate and maintain the Town's water and sewer systems. This position involves a work schedule of 10 days on and four days off. Applicants must meet the following qualifications: Alberta Grade 12 or equivalent; The Town of Brooks would prefer the following levels: Level II Water Treatment, Level II Waste Water Distribution, Level I Waste Water Treatment, Level II Waste Water Collection; preference will be given to anyone with some water and sewer experience. The Town provides a wage and benefits package as per the current Union Collective Agreement. Please forward resume with cover letter to: Mr. Bill Prentice, Manager Works & Utilities, Bag 880, Brooks, AB, T1R 0Z6. Fax 403-362-5658. Email: wprentice@town.brooks.ab.ca. Closing date October 25, 2002. Only applicants that will be interviewed will be contacted. awna

THE TOWN of Bassano is seeking applications for the Public Works/Water Treatment Department. The incumbent will report to the Public Works Foreman. The successful applicant should have experience with heavy equipment, loaders, graders, trucks. Level I, Water Treatment/Distribution Certification from Alberta Environment and related experience would be an asset. Salary commensurate with experience and education. AUMA benefit package available. Please forward resume to the under-noted by October 31/02: Town of Bassano, Box 299, Bassano, AB, T0J 0B0. Phone 403-641-3788. Fax 403-641-2585. awna

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15 EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

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Library

Mr. Kevin Major, author of several award-winning young adult novels as well as a history of Newfoundland, will be at the library from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

Turkey Supper

Rugby Turkey Supper on Nov. 10/02 from 2-6 p.m. \$8 - adults, \$4 - 6 - 12, preschoolers - free. Infor 335-4248 or 335-4185.

Tea and Bake Sale

Knox U.C.W. Christmas Tea and Bake Sale will be held at Knox United Church on Sat. Nov. 2 at 2 p.m.

5-0 Club

Andre Cavoires will be taking the bookings for the 5-0 Club until Spring.

DIDSBURY

Didsbury Scouts

The 1st Didsbury Scouting Group will be hosting their annual Christmas Craft Fair on Nov. 16 in the M.P. Room of the Didsbury Complex. Tables may be booked with Linda at 403-335-4846. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Breakfast

Mountainview Christian Women's Club will be having their breakfast on Tues., Nov. 5 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Topic - This Mask I Wear. For reservations call Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765.

Didsbury Scouts

The Didsbury Scouts are looking for a leader for 2002-2003 year. Please call Linda 335-4846.

DIDSBURY

Art and Craft Sale

Airdrie Artist Guild annual Christmas art show and craft sale at the Airdrie Woodside Golf Course Fri. Nov. 8 and Sat. Nov. 9. For table rentals call Char 948-4301 or Tammy 948-4668.

OLDS

Fall Fair

The Fall Fair will be Oct. 18 at the Olds Legion Hall from 10 a.m. - noon. Luncheon, entertainment. Roast Beef Supper from 5 - 7 p.m.

MIDWAY

Midway School

Bryn Thiessen will be at the Midway School on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. Cowboy poetry & silent auction. Call 337-2888 for tickets. \$2/person. 12 & under free

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

DIDSBURY

COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Winter hours: Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245. Dale Weiss at 335-4726 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILY RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. We meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month of the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Meeting - Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

DIDSBURY

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL
The Didsbury Preschool Society is currently accepting on-going registrations for children 3 to 5 years old to our preschool program. For more information or to register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible. Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

DIDSBURY

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Thurs. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, 335-9787 or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION
The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

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SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

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BOMERSBACK *continued from Page 19*

Eagles Coach, Bob Miller noted Bomersback has been a journeyman player for the Eagles since joining the club. The 20 year old forward has been a team leader in the past two years and has been interested in the overall performance of the club and less interested in individual statistics.

"He (Bomersback) is ready to be

challenged at the Division 1 level and he will make a great college player," Miller added.

Meanwhile, the Olds Grizzlys moved into third place in the Rogers AT&T AJHL South Division standings with a thrilling 2-1 victory over the Calgary Royals in action played in Calgary Oct. 9

An entertaining game, both teams were thwarted by the outstanding goaltending of Royals' Matt Allen and Grizzlys' Jordan Ramstead, who stole the show with their brilliance between the pipes. Allen made 27 saves in being named the game's second star while, Ramstead, the game's first star, finished with 30 saves.

James Kerr and Tyler Hilbert blinked the red light for the Grizzlys with Blake Larson replying for the Royals.

The Grizzlys record is now 6 wins, 2 losses and 4 ties for 16 points. They are 7 points behind the overall league leaders, Canmore Eagles with 23 points.

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